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	First Named Inventor	Fernando Stroppiana
	Group Art Unit	1775
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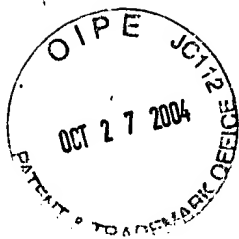
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DE 44 44 030 A1	12/10/94	Ralph Schopp

The Applicant offers to supply any explanation or discussion of the documents that the Examiner feels is necessary or desirable and which is requested.

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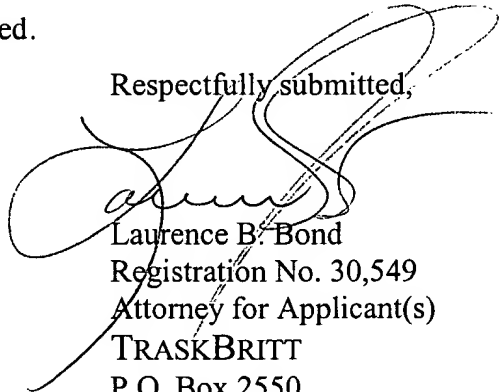
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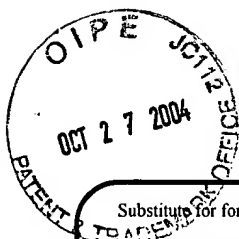


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